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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-15 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ozawa et al (US 2004/0165130).

Ozawa discloses a transfective liquid crystal display device a method of manufacturing a transfective liquid crystal display device comprising (see at least Figures 1-2): a first substrate; an insulating layer formed on selected regions on the first substrate, the insulating layer having a reflective top surface 45; and a color filter (81, 82) over the first substrate, including over the insulating layer at the selected regions, wherein a thickness of the color filter at the selected regions (81) is thinner than that at beyond the selected regions (e.g., 82); a liquid crystal element supported on the color filter on the array substrate; and electrodes (11, 21) operatively coupled to the liquid crystal element.

Ozawa discloses the insulating layer (integrally) including a reflective layer having a reflective top surface 45.

Ozawa discloses the insulating layer not extending beyond the selected regions on the substrate, and the selected regions generally defining reflective regions (81) on the substrate and the regions outside the selected regions (82) generally defining transmissive regions on the

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substrate.

Ozawa discloses the device comprising a pixel electrode 11 formed on the color filter.

Ozawa discloses the electrodes comprising a pixel electrode 11 and a common electrode 21.

In regard to the method claims, the method is merely providing elements for the transflective liquid crystal display device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4, 11, 16 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozawa et al as applied to claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-15 and 17-20 above.

The insulating layer extending beyond the selected regions on the substrate appears to be at least an obvious variation (i.e., not patentably distinct) the insulating layer not extending beyond the selected regions on the substrate. Thus, it would have been at least obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the insulating layer extending beyond the selected regions on the substrate, as it appears to be at least an obvious variation (i.e., not patentably distinct) the insulating layer not extending beyond the selected regions on the substrate.

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Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2303.

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